

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Oh, Yes: In several cases we have made alterations in their estimates.

SHORANUR—COCHIN RAILWAY—STAFF EMPLOYED ON.

167. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish the list of the permanent staff employed in all the Railway Stations in the Shoranur—Cochin line under the following heads:—

- (1) Station staff ;
- (2) P. W. Department ;
- (3) Guards, Under-guards, Engine drivers, etc., charged under running train section ;
- (4) Catering and other General Departments ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): A statement showing the particulars of staff is appended (*Vide Appendix I*). It is pointed out that in the case of Guards, Drivers, etc. no separate staff have been detailed to work exclusively for the trains on the Shoranur—Cochin Railway. It is the practice for the staff with their Head-quarters outside the limits of the Shoranur—Cochin Railway to be detailed for work on this line and *vice versa*. The information given in the statement in respect of this category of staff is, therefore, based on the number of trains working on this line.

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY—ATTACHING OF THROUGH CARRIAGES TO TRICHINOPOLY.

168. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to impress upon the Railway administration the necessity of attaching through carriages between Trichinopoly and Ernakulam.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): The Railway Authorities say that, in addition to the fact that there is no room for any extra carriage on the "Malabar-Cochin Express," the number of through passengers does not justify the introduction of a through carriage between Ernakulam and Trichinopoly.

SECRETARIAT RECORD ROOM—SEPARATION OF RECORDS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST.

169. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the record room attached to the Secretariat building has been completed and whether the records of historical interest have now been separated from the other records ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): The room has been completed. The records of historical importance have not been separated from the other records.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (Kattur): Has the Government any idea to separate these records?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government): Not by employing a separate paid staff. The Diwan President announced the other day that if honorary workers would be coming forward Government would gladly accept their services. In fact one gentleman offered his services—I may say one of the hon'ble members of this House himself. He worked there for some time, but after a few days he vanished. (*Laughter*).

CREATION OF MORTGAGES BY DEPOSIT OF TITLE DEEDS.

170. Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): Will the Government be pleased to state the names of places in the Cochin State where a mortgage by deposit of title deeds could be created?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government): (1) Mattancheri, Municipal areas of (2) Ernakulam (3) Trichur and (4) Chittur-Tattamangalam.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): At the time of passing of the Transfer of Property Act they were the only Municipalities in the State? Is it not so?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government): Yes.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): Subsequently, is the Government aware, that Irinjalakkuda has been constituted a Municipality?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government): Government are not only aware, but there was also a request. It was considered and finally ordered that Irinjalakkuda could not be brought under this section.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): May I know Sir, while that in a smaller town of Tattamangalam mortgages by deposit of title deeds could be created, why is the same provision not extended to Irinjalakkuda?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government): So far as that matter is concerned, Chittur-Tattamangalam was one Municipality before. Government are now considering after the bifurcation, whether this concession of creating mortgages by deposit of title deeds should hereafter be given to these separate Municipalities. That is being considered now.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (Cheruthuruthi): Even for Chittur?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government): Probably there is no necessity for Chittur. All the banks there are gone.